ARAUCANIANS HAVE **SOME QUEER CUSTOMS**

Visit to Reservations of the Bravest of All South American Indians.

ABOUT THEIR RUDE HOMES

Farming Is Done by White Men Under Red Overseers, and American Muchinery Is Used - Strange Methods of Cooking.

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4,000 miles south of Panama, situated in a wooded country back from the coast. When I first vieited it. edge of the frontier., It was surround ed by Indians, and its wide streets, lined with log cabins, were rivers of The country roads were almost mpassable, and the stumps still stood n the streets. To-day Temuco has than 29,000 population, and it

in this good year 1914.

But first, let me say a word of the Araucanians of the past. You have all leard of the Incas, who once ruled from Ecuador far down into Chile. They had in their dominion Ecuador, Peru, Bolivis and the northern part of this nad in their dominion Ecuador, Peru, Bolivis and the northern part of this country. They tried to capture the south, but when they reached the lands of the Araucanians they were met by the decree, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther." The Araucanians kept the lacas but of about all the land below Santiago, and it is claimed now that they were never really conquered by either the Incas or whites.

There is no race which has caused the Spaniards so much trouble as the Araucanians. For three generations they waged a successful war against the Spanish invader, destroying his forts and besieging his cities. They killed Pedro Valdivia, the man who founded Santiago, and it was only inch by inch that his successors drove them toward the south. When they were anally overpowdered by great numbers they refused to be the slaves and hirelings of the conquerors. They continued their fighting, off and on, and to-

they refused to be the slaves and hirelings of the conquerors. They continued their fighting, off and on, and today they maintain their own identity.
They have their own farms, and they
lead lives apart from the descendants
of the white-skinned invaders who
robbed them of the empire they once
possessed. I say empire, for the Araucanian possessions comprised the best
part of the Chile of to-day. Much of it
was farmed by them. They grew crops
of corp and petatoes, and in the far
north they had llamas and alpaces
which they got a for the life incas.

The Araucanians of that day were
very much like our Indians of Eastern
North America. They did a little farming, but most of them lived by hunting
and fishing. They were warlike indians, and were always ready to fight
for their rights. When the Spanish
came in the armies raised against them
were large. Valdivia was frequently
attacked by thousands of Indians, and
at one time an army of 10,000 Araucanians besleged Santiago. That was
about afty years after the discovery of
America. The Spaniards had surrounded the city with pallaides, but the
Indians tore them down and set fire to
the house. Indeed, it was only through
the leadership of lines Suarez, a beauriful girl, who might be called the
Joan d'Arc of Chile, that the Spaniards
of this part of the world were not then
wiped from the face of the earth. This
girl was the mistress of the commander
Valdyla. In his absence she assumed
the leadership of the troops. She put
on a coat of mail, and with her little
Spanish army drove the Indians back.
During the siege she captured six of
the Indian chiefs, and it is said she cut
off their heads with her own hands.

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During the wars with the Araucanians the Spaniards had much the same experiences that our forefathers had in the days of the colonists. The Indians surrounded the settlements and killed every white man they could get away from his fellows. They bottled the Spaniards up in Santiago and forced them to live on rats and the roots of will plants. The Spaniards had their starving times similar to those that our colonists had at Jamestown, and during one of these Valdivia, who was the Captain John Smith of Chile, wrote to Charles V. of Spain that fifty grains of corn were a good day's ration, and that the corn was eaten, both meal and bran. Valdivia carried his fighting far south of Temuco. It was right here that he was once attacked by 40,000 warriors, and saved himself only by charging the Indians with a company of cavalry. The Indians were frightened by the horses, and in the battle a thousand of them were killed and 400 were taken prisoners. In former campaigns the Indians had tortured the whites, and Valdivia, in order to terrify them, ordered that the right hands and noses of the prisoners should be cut off. After that they were allowed to go back to their tribes.

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Fighting of this kind went on for years, and during it Valdivia was captured and tortured to death. He was carried, naked and bound, through the woods to an Indian camp, and certain authorities say that the Araucanians noured molten gold down his throat. But the story of these Indian wars, would take many pages. The braves

A GLIMPSE AT SOME OF THE INHABITANTS



backs. The white driver told me that he got a percentage of the crop for his work.

On the edge of this wheat field were a number of Indian huts. Every family had a half dozen dogs, which rushed at me when I came near. At the same time the women scowled as I took photographs of the girls. The Araucanian are found or servings are of solid silver made in earlings bank of the family. The most the same time the women scowled as I took photographs of the girls. The Araucanian houses are seldom more than fifteen feet square. Their walls are of boards and their ridge reofs of thatch. There are no windows, and the light comes in through the rude door at the front. There are no yards or gardens about the houses, and no conveniences of any description. The only furniture is a bed made of poles, or two or three beds in case the man has more than one wife, which is by no means uncommon. In one of the huts I found two fires going, and over each free was a wife, who cooked for hor own brood of Children. The floor of the hut was Mother Earth, and it was little tered with farming utensile and clothing, and saddles and harness. From the rafters hung ears of corn, strings of onions and long strips of dried meet. The place looked like a junk shop.

The sleeping arrangements of this squaw rode on the same pony by the becase in case the man has more than the interest of the care of th

The sleeping arrangements of this ome consisted of two closellike come partitioned off from the body rooms, partitioned off from the body of the hut by poles and skins. In each was a low platform covered with sheepskins. Each platform was the sleeping place of one of the wives and her share of the children.



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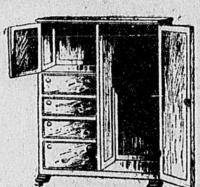
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